THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has been implementing rehabilitation programme for scavengers since 1992-93 onwards under the National Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers ^ (NSLRS) for scavengers and their dependents. Out of 30,921 scavengers and their dependents, 19,641 have been rehabilitated and 8056 were given training upto October, 2002.

(d) Government of Andhra Pradesh has declared "Andhra Pradesh Mission of Eradication of Manual Scavenging and Rehabilitation of Scavengers" In September, 2001 with a goal to declare Andhra Pradesh as a manual scavenger free State by the end of year 2002. The balance 11,280 scavengers are proposed to be rehabilitated by the end of 2002,

Committee to study the functioning of NGOs

572. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is disbursing crores of rupees every year to the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's);

(b) if so, whether a large number of complaints have been received by his Ministry regarding misuse and non-receipt of the funds;

(c) whether a committee of non-officials was constituted to study the functioning of the NGOs;

(d) if so, by when the committee is likely to submit the report; and

(e) the action taken, so far, against the NGOs who have not used the money properly in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No Sir. However, it is fact that a few of the Non-Governmental Organization receiving funds from the Ministry are not delivering services commensurate with the funds released and are misusing the funds.

(c) No Sir.

(d) The question does not arise.

(e) The details are given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

List of NGOs of Gujarat for whom Grant has been Suspended/Blacklisted

St.No.	Name of the NGO	Action Taken by the Ministry
1.	STATE: GUJARAT	
2.	Bhagini Niketan, 10/Tulsi Marg, Baug Colony, Near Core House Ambawadi, Ahmedabad, Gujarat	Black-listed
	Unigramodhyog Rachanatmak Samiti, Surendera Nagar, Gujarat	Black-listed

Law to stop conversion

573. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a demand has been made in the country that Government should enact an law to stop conversion by allurement or force; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) No specific proposal has been received in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

(b) Does not arise.

Extension of benefits under the Disabilities Act, 1995

574. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken, so far, to extend the benefits of the 'Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities and Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act of 1995, by identifying the persons eligible for such benefits and setting up authorities within their reach for such identification and regulation; and